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Enclosed is a copy of a December 28, 1992 Office Action we recently received in the above-identified case. Also enclosed for your review is a draft Amendment we prepared in response to the Office Action. The period for response is set to expire on March 1, 1993 (extendable).

The Examiner has stated that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters relating to the title and the Abstract. The enclosed Amendment addresses the Examiner's objections, and should put the application in condition for allowance.

Please let us have your approval to file the Amendment, or any comments you may have, at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

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